

Mayor Charles "Skip" Lee called a meeting of the Sterling City Council to order at 6:30 pm on Monday, October 17, 2016. Roll call. Present: Aldermen Bob Conklin, Retha Elston, Joe Martin, Chris Schuchard, and Chris Wilen. Absent: Aldermen John Stauter.

Also present were City Attorney Tim Zollinger, Superintendent of Building and Zoning Amanda Schmidt, Finance Director Cindy Von Holten, Superintendent of Public Works Bard Schrader, Superintendent of Waste Water Treatment Scott Howard, Fire Chief Gary Cook, Police Lt. Alex Chavira, and City Clerk Marie Rombouts.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

There was no communication from Visitors.

Alderman Elston made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- A) Approval of Minutes from October 3, 2016
- B) Approval of Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$794,067.74
- C) Refer Petition from Hospice of the Rock River Valley to Plan Commission for a public hearing at October 20, 2016 meeting
- D) Partial Pay Request #7 for Sixth Avenue Reconstruction to Martin & Company in the amount of \$7,742.50
- E) Partial Pay Request #3 for Wallace Street/Avenue B to O'Brien Civil Works in the amount of \$67,741.65
- F) Partial Pay Request #14 to Martin Company in the amount of \$56,441.43 for work at Plant 1
- G) Final Pay Request for ADA Sidewalk at Urban Outfitters (315 First Avenue) to O'Brien Civil Works in the amount of \$1,194.38
- H) Change Order #1 decreasing the contract amount by \$8,197.09 and Partial Pay Request #1 in the amount of \$56,282.45 to Sticther Construction Inc. for the Miller Street Lift Station Forcemain Replacement

The motion was seconded by Alderman Schuchard. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Conklin, Elston, Martin, Schuchard, and Wilen. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Manager Shumard provided a Stormwater Management Overview. The original stormwater study was in 2004 with costs and in 2011 a few projects were added with costs updated. Shumard outlined the three watersheds: Woodlawn Creek, East Branch of the Elkhorn Creek, and the Rock River. Shumard reviewed the stormwater infrastructure, existing problems, solutions, ongoing projects, and funding.

Manager Shumard stated that it would take at least 30 years before all of these projects could be completed with the stormwater utility tax. Alderman Martin indicated the ½% sales tax could generate three times the revenue.

Alderman Conklin asked where and when the stormwater problem started. Superintendent Howard stated that in the 1980's, the goal was to get water to the treatment plant as quickly as possible. As development increased and the cost to treat water increased, the problems began.

Brian Frickenstein explained the terminology of the 100 year flood. He explained that it is the estimated occurrence for the amount of rain and they are now trying to call them by percentages, such as a 100-year flood is a 1% chance, 50-year flood is a 2% chance.

Mayor Lee outlined three choices on the stormwater issue: ½% sales tax increase, stormwater utility fees, or do nothing.

Alderman Wilen made a motion to purchase a 2017 model HD ¾ ton 4 WD pick-up truck with snow plow package through the State of Illinois Joint Purchase Contract from Morrow Brothers Ford in the amount of \$40,890.00; seconded by Alderman Martin. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Conklin, Elston, Martin, Schuchard, and Wilen. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Clerk Rombouts reminded everyone that papers are available for the Alderman-at-Large position.

Superintendent Howard reported that the third screw pump is finished and under budget, before the cold weather hits.

Superintendent Schmidt reported continual problems with stray cats.

Manager Shumard reported that applications for the IT Director are due on Friday.

Alderman Elston thanked Brad and Amanda for fixing the problems she had.

Alderman Conklin thanked Manager Shumard for the presentation on the stormwater problems.

Alderman Martin thanked Scott and Amanda for addressing problems with the non-permanent signs across the city. He asked if a letter could be sent to all businesses to remind them of regulations and to check with Code Enforcement before they look into signs.

Alderman Conklin stated that he has photos and videos of more materials being added to the property south of the Coliseum. Attorney Zollinger asked Bob to forward the photos and video to him.

Mayor Lee announced that his Mother broke her hip and was glad to see the Fire Department respond for the transfer. He also thanked emergency personnel for their response to the accident on the train tracks.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm.

Marie Rombouts
City Clerk